

2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: CRAWFORD

COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: HARRISON, PERRY

TARGET WATERSHEDS: ANDERSON RIVER, MIDDLE FORK ANDERSON RIVER, OIL CREEK, YELLOWBANK CREEK-OHIO RIVER, DEER CREEK, CLOVER CREEK, PATOKA LAKE-RIVER, LITTLE BLUE RIVER, WHISKEY RUN-BLUE RIVER, BLUE RIVER, MIDDLE INDIAN CREEK, LOWER INDIAN CREEK, WOLF CREEK, BUCK CREEK, OTTER CREEK

PROJECT NAME: PASTURE PLANTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2012-4/30/2015

PROJECT AMOUNT: \$40,000

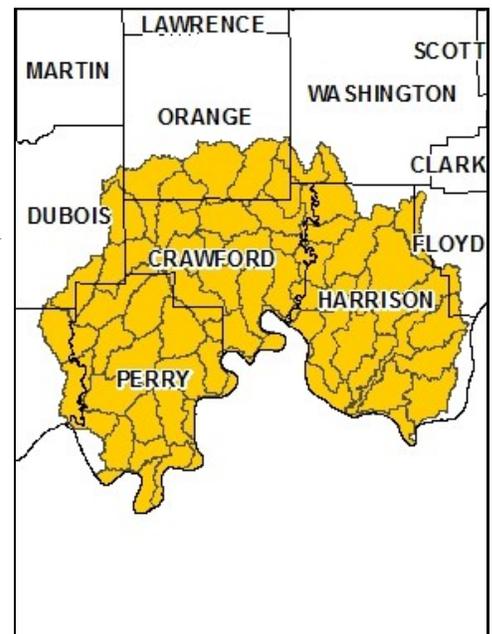


Purpose: Encourage adoption of pasture land improvement

This program will reduce soil erosion and improve soil and water quality by providing adequate ground cover, canopy cover, root mass and vegetative retardance. This program also reduces soil compaction and provides stable soil organic matter. It will also address off-site sedimentation and reduces sheet/rill erosion to well below T.

These watersheds were selected to encompass the three counties of Crawford, Harrison and Perry. These counties drain into the Ohio River and contribute to the sediment and nutrient loading in the Gulf of Mexico. Specifically the selected watersheds are listed for E. coli, nutrients, impaired biotic communities and dissolved oxygen water quality impairments.

The landowners will bear 50% of the cost of the pasture planting project and the SWCD's will provide in-kinds for technical and administrative assistance.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE: CRAWFORD, HARRISON AND PERRY COUNTY SWCD'S, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, PURDUE EXTENSION SERVICE, CRAWFORD COUNTY CATTLEMEN ASSOCIATION, HARRISON COUNTY CATTLEMEN ASSOCIATION, AND LINCOLN HILLS RC&D

The Pasture Planting Incentive Program will provide 50% of actual cost for pasture planting not to exceed \$150/acre-cap of \$750/landowner.

Cost Share
\$40,000